

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Lidorikis et al. GROUP: 2883
 SERIAL NO: 10/671,652 EXAMINER: K.C. Kianni
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 FOR: GAP-SOLITON DEVICES IN PHOTONIC CRYSTAL FIBERS

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 Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), petition is made for a one (1) month extension of time to file a Request for Continued Examination and Amendment in response to the final Office Action which was due February 28, 2006 the Response now being due March 30, 2006. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$60.00 for the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any further extension and/or fee that is required to Deposit Order Account 19-0079.

Respectfully submitted,

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